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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Curtis Green, 26, La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to ten years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for burglarizing Wiebke Fur in La Crosse on March 28, 2006, and stealing 18 firearms. Green was also ordered to pay \$11, 858.70 in restitution. Green pleaded guilty to this offense on March 27, 2007.

Green's ten-year sentence was the maximum authorized by federal law. Judge Crabb, however, stated that she would have given Green a greater sentence if she could have, because Green and his co-defendant, Wayne Munson, sold some of the stolen guns to gang members in Milwaukee. Three of the firearms were recovered in Milwaukee and one had been used in a shooting that resulted in injury to another. Judge Crabb said that selling stolen firearms to gang members in Milwaukee was comparable to an act of terrorism, considering the problems the City of Milwaukee has with gun violence.

Wayne Munson also pleaded guilty to burglarizing Wiebke Fur and his sentencing is scheduled for June 20, 2007.

The charge against Green was the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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